

## Key Terms

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- **Truant** – A 5 – 17 year old student who is not in the school on a school day without a valid excuse
  - **Chronically Truant** - Describing a student between the ages of **5 and 17** who has accumulated **15 or more unexcused absences** for the school year in a school in which he/she has been enrolled for at least 25 days
  - **Truancy rate** – The value reported by DCPS reflecting the percentage of students in a school who are *chronically truant*
  - **Average Daily Attendance (ADA)** – This is the daily attendance rate. It reflects the average number of students who are present or have excused absences for a period of time. Excused absences are defined by DCMR Ch. 21
  - **Chronically Absent** – Describes a student of **any age** who has missed **10% or more** days in a school year, excused or unexcused.
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